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Education Department Awards \$2,065,533 in Grants for Community Learning Centers

The R.I. Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has awarded \$2,065,533 in grants to establish or expand after-school and summer community learning centers in several schools and school districts throughout the state.

Some of the grants are for new programs; others are to expand existing programs to new locations.

The grants, part of the 21st Century Community Learning Initiative, were awarded to:

- AS220, in partnership with the Rhode Island Training School. \$255,201
- Cranston School Department, expanding to Gladstone Elementary School. \$209,829
- The Education Partnership, expanding to the William D'Abate Elementary School, in Providence. \$236,513
- Feinstein High School, in Providence, in partnership with Family Services, Inc. \$225,000
- The Metropolitan Regional Career and Technical Center, expanding to serve more children. \$182,784.
- Newport School Department, expanding to the Carey School. \$118,320.
- The Paul Cuffee Charter School, in Providence. \$225,000
- Pawtucket School Department, expanding to Joseph Jenks Junior High School, Curvin-McCabe School, Agnes E. Little School, and Henry J. Winters School. \$272,886.
- Woonsocket School Department, expanding to Woonsocket Middle School. \$200,000
- YMCA of Greater Providence, at the Robert L. Bailey IV Elementary School. \$140,000.

These grants are to be used to create high-quality comprehensive centers that provide academic enrichment and recreational activities before and after school, during the summer and school vacations, and on weekends. The programs must be closely linked to the school-day teachers, the curriculum, and to academic standards, and they must include components that engage families in their children's education and help parents access adult-education programs.

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This marks the third (and final) round of awards for this program under the department's current federal allocation; last year and earlier this year, \$2.5 million in grants were awarded to 11 programs in Central Falls, Cranston, Providence, Newport, Pawtucket, and Woonsocket.

These are federally funded grants from the U.S. Department of Education (Title IV). The grants were awarded on a competitive basis, with priority given to programs at high-poverty schools that have been classified as "in need of improvement." The amount of the grant varies, depending in part on the number of children whom each program serves.